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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 24 July 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The applicant's amendment to the claims dated 7/24/2006 has not been entered because the scope of the claimed invention has been altered and/or broader than the agreed upon claimed subject matter (please see telephone interview summary dated May 9, 2006).

For clarification, the amendment to the claims as mentioned in the office action dated 6/8/2006 were based on the agreement between the examiner and Mr. Richard Katz during the telephone interview on May 9, 2006 after several proposals were exchanged between the examiner and Mr. Richard Katz, i.e., May 3, 2006 facsimile, May 8, 2006 facsimile, May 9 e-mail, etc.

The examiner understands the applicant's clarification dated 7/24/2006 that removal of "each of" and the addition of "among" before "the plurality of protocols" at lines 11-12 of claim 1, dated 7/24/2006 would mean the same thing as more than one protocols are identified by the object-handle at line 12 of claim 1.

However, the presented claims dated 7/24/2006 contain many discrepancies, for example, the claim 1 shows an addition of "among" before "the plurality of protocols", at line 11, even though, the "among" was already present in the claims dated 2/27/2006, 5/3/2006, 5/8/2006, 5/9/2006, 6/8/2006, etc. The claims dated 7/24/2006 does not contain agreed upon "upon invocation on the second computer of the object handle", etc that is contained in the claims dated 6/8/2006, and/or "upon receipt of a signal at the second computer representing a request to access the object", etc, that were contained in the applicant mentioned Exhibit A. The applicant mentioned Exhibit B and Exhibit C, i.e., May 8, 2006 facsimile and May 9, 2006 e-mail were merely proposals that were not agreed upon before the telephone interview on May 9, 2006. The dependency of claims 3 and 4 dated 7/24/2006 changes from "claim 2" to "claim 1", however, it was never discussed among any of the above-mentioned proposals and was already present in the claims dated 2/27/2006.

Again, to further clarify the applicant's concern regarding claim 1 dated 7/24/2006, that an addition of "among" before "the plurality of protocols" at line 11 and removal of "each of" at lines 12 and 15, would not affect the scope of the invention as more than one protocols are identified by the object-handle at line 12; the applicant has not used the latest claims dated 6/8/2006 (claimed subject matter for which the claims are allowed, please office action dated 6/28/2006) for the above-mentioned addition of "among" and removals of "each of". Note: the scope of the claims allowed dated 6/8/2006 is very different than the scope of the presented claims 7/24/2006.



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